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ISRAELI MINISTER OF JUSTICE
DEMANDS RESIGNATION OF
DAYAN FOR NEGLIGENCE ON
EVE OF WAR. INDICATES HE
WILL SUBMIT HIS OWN RESIGNATION
IN PROTEST.

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MIDEAST--RESIGNATION

TEL AVIV, OCT 25, REUTER - A SENIOR ISRAELI CABINET MINISTER HAS DEMANDED THE RESIGNATION OF THE DEFENCE MINISTER, GEN. MOSHE DAYAN, FOR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE ON THE EVE OF THE 1973 MIDEAST WAR, ACCORDING TO USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES HERE.

OFFICIAL SAID THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, JACOB S. SHAPIRO, HAS EXPRESSED THIS OPINION TO THE PRIME MINISTER, GOLDA MEIR, AS WELL AS TO SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES.
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ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SHAPIRO TOLD SOME COLLEAGUES HE INTENDED TO SUBMIT HIS OWN RESIGNATION IN PROTEST AGAINST DAYAN'S CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS BEFORE THE EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN ONSLAUGHT ON OCTOBER 6.

THE ARAB OFFENSIVE SEEMED TO HAVE TAKEN ISRAEL BY SURPRISE AND ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN INITIAL PHASE BEFORE THE ISRAELI FORCES LAUNCHED THEIR COUNTER-OFFENSIVE.

THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THE REPORTS.
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